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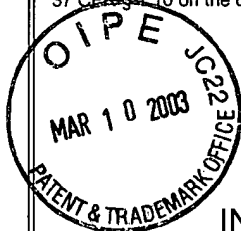
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In re Application of:)

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Serial No.: 08/957,709)

Filed: October 24, 1997)

For: POLYMERASE ENHANCING)
 FACTOR (PEF) EXTRACTS, PEF)
 PROTEIN COMPLEXES, ISOLATED)
 PEF PROTEINS, AND METHODS)
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AMENDMENT

Applicants now respond to the Office Action dated October 8, 2002. The period for reply has been extended for two (2) months by the Petition for Two Month Extension of Time and extension fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 9, 16, and 96 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 17, 46, 59-66, 77-80, 85, and 95 to read as follows:

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